

Earlier this month my wife and I drove from our home in North Carolina to Boston. Well in advance of approaching Washington, DC, Baltimore, New York and Boston we were able to listen to the traffic information on our XM radio.

For the first time in all the long trips we have taken we were able to know the traffic patterns ahead of us and adjust our routes accordingly. We diverted from our original plan of staying on route 95 and going through New York by listening to the local traffic conditions which told us of accidents delaying traffic. We stayed in New Jersey and looped around New York City and continued without delays.

Without our XM traffic report we would have been delayed in the New York City grid lock.

The trip takes between 13 to 14 hours and sitting still for an additional 2 to 3 hours in 2 or 3 major cities makes the trip almost unbearable.

Thanks to our XM radio and the up to date traffic information we can take different routings before we can hear the traffic on our normal car radio.

The FCC has an obligation to serve the public and what is in their best interest. The XM radio stations providing weather and traffic for major cities are certainly in the best interest of the public.

Special interest groups and lobbyists should be ignored on this issue as their view is not in the best interest of the traveling public!